

## IN SECRET SOCIETIES.

Interesting Items From Lodge Room and Castle Hall.

### THE NEW RULER OF THE ELKS.

The Coming Rebekah Convention - The Masonic Sign of Distress - A. O. U. W. - Father Upchurch's Monument.

Simon Quinlan, who was recently elected Grand Ruler of the Order of Elks, is in his 64th year. He was born in 1825 in Liverpool, England. He received a good education in the English schools, and at the age of 19 embarked all alone and came to this country. His readiness in figures quickly secured for him a position of bookkeeper in a retail store of New York, where he landed early in the spring of 1854. After remaining there a year or two he went to Troy, where he lived a number of years in the family of Secretary of State J. H. Carr. Subsequently he removed to Syracuse, where he met the lady who became his wife, Miss Carpenter, of Schenectady, N. Y. They were married in 1859. In 1863 they removed to Chicago, Mr. Quinlan engaging then in the tobacco business. About 1867 or 1868 he became associated in the theatrical business with R. M. Hooley, with whom he remained a number of years. Mr. Quinlan has for a long time been a prominent Mason, and was deputy district grand exalted ruler of the Elks until elected to his new position.

I. O. O. F.

### The Coming Rebekah Degree Convention at Columbus.

A serious question presents itself to the friends of the representatives to the Rebekah convention at Columbus in September next as to how the expenses of the delegates will be paid. So far as we are informed, says The Manchester Union, no provision has been made for the expenses nor are there any funds in the grand lodge to meet the demand. Indeed, it is not clear that the money of the grand body could be legitimately appropriated for that purpose were the grand officers or members so disposed. Neither can it be reasonably expected that the representatives should bear the burdens themselves. They will not attend simply for the honor or for personal pleasure. They go out in the interest of the branch of the order which they will represent. They have no personal obligations or duties to perform. They are the servants of those who elected them to the position, and should not be expected to pay their fare and hotel bills. When our state convention was held at Concord, the body should have wisely arranged to meet at least such necessary expenses as may occur. In this extremity the only reasonable way out of the dilemma that now occurs to us is for the lodges respectively to raise the amount necessary by contributions or otherwise. The matter is an important one and deserves early attention, so the representatives may not be left in doubt as to where the means may be found for the trip. We suppose the cost will not be less than \$50 each, and in the absence of other provision perhaps the lodges will volunteer to make up the amount.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Ohio proposes to entertain the sovereign grand lodge in royal style when it meets in Columbus next September. At its late session the grand lodge voted \$2,000 for this purpose. It was also voted to hold a grand lodge session during the session of the sovereign grand lodge, so as to be on hand for the purpose of paying due respect to that august body and conferring the grand lodge degree.

By the loss of the Odd Fellows' building at Savannah, Ga., by fire, that city loses one of its finest buildings, and the order there not only its fine hall, library and furniture, but valuable documents relating to the history and progress of the order in that state. The loss was in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and the insurance amounted to \$35,000.

The funds of the New Hampshire Odd Fellows' home show an increase almost every day. There is no question that the permanent fund will be long reached the expected \$50,000 when the institution will become self supporting and rates of admission reduced to a nominal figure.

An effort is now in progress to revive or organize anew the Odd Fellows' Editorial association. In addition to editors of Odd Fellows' papers and Odd Fellows' departments in secular papers, it is proposed to admit grand secretaries and grand scribes to membership. The proposed date of the reorganization is Sept. 15, at Columbus, O. Address Theodore A. Ross, grand secretary.

The I. O. O. F. Lodge Record, in an article on the Johnstown disaster, says that "13 members, with 24 wives, and 199 children of Odd Fellows lost their lives. Three hundred members lost their household goods, and 235 owned houses and stores which were lost. The direct loss to the five lodges will be about \$7,000. Alms hall, in which most of the lodges met, withstood the flood, but has been further damaged by the explosions of dynamite used in cleaning the drift at the bridge."

The different lodges of the I. O. O. F. in Grand Rapids, Mich., have organized a union degree staff, selecting from each lodge some of its most capable members for doing the work. Great interest is taken by the members, and their lodge rooms are filled to overflowing to witness the beautiful workings.

Wisconsin has 311 lodges and a membership of 15,000.

The Odd Fellows' home of Massachusetts has been located at Worcester. Thomas H. Dodge gave a lot of ten acres, valued at \$15,000. It is said to be an eligible site, commanding a fine view of the city and country. He will make other gifts to the home, including \$500 for a library.

Bro. James S. Irwin, of Washington, D. C., is said now to be the oldest Odd Fellow. He was initiated into the order in 1828, thus having been an Odd Fellow for over sixty years.

**Knights of Honor.**  
Among the more important measures adopted by the Connecticut grand lodge was the reduction of the charter fee for new lodges to \$25.

The time of holding the session of the grand lodge was changed from June to October. The next session will be held in New Haven, on the third Tuesday in October, 1890.

**Knights of the Golden Eagle.**  
Grand chief D. A. Walker, of Findlay, O., has issued a new monthly Ohio's Golden Eagle. The initial number is brim full of news, and presents a handsome appearance.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle fund for the Johnstown sufferers amounts to over \$20,000 and is still increasing.

### MASONIC.

#### A Touching Story of the Power of the Sign of Distress.

The New Zealand Mail prints the following: Bro. Gerard, of Vincennes, France, a retired surgeon of the imperial army, in 1860 made public an incident in his Masonic history occurring thirty-two years previously. Bro. Gerard and a brother officer obtained

pass from France during the war, and were in occupation of the French. They arrived in that capital on May 1, 1863, and on the morning of May 2, they were at a French restaurant, where they were surrounded by Spaniards in revolt. The two friends made their escape from the house, and had reached an alley when a market ball struck Gerard's companion dead. Dazed, the brother instinctively gave the Masonic sign of distress. Immediately a man in military cloak emerged from the house whence had come the fatal shot, took Gerard by the hand and bade him in French to follow him. Leading him to a stable in another alley, where they corroborated their Masonic relationship. The stranger gave the doctor a flask of brandy, and asking him to remain a moment, went out, locking the door. In five minutes the brother returned with a Spanish hat and cloak, and conducted Gerard, thus disguised, through various streets until they reached the outside of the city. Pointing out the road to be taken to reach the French camp the stranger took leave of the surgeon, saying: "Brother, I am an English lieutenant; my name is Henry William Seaton; our countries are at war, and I should you ever find yourself in a position to return a service to a countryman of mine, remember Bro. Seaton." They never met again, and despite extraordinary exertions on Bro. Gerard's part to be informed as to his aviator's fate, he never heard of him until an English captain, taken prisoner on the eve of Waterloo, informed the grateful Frenchman that Bro. Seaton had died at the Cape of Good Hope, toward the close of 1812, a major in the British army.

The grand lodge of Connecticut has more Masons, in proportion to the population of the state, than any other jurisdiction in the world.

The grand lodge of Scotland has the honor of having on its roll the oldest known lodge in the world, one or more dating from the sixteenth century. The records of Lodge No. 1 are preserved from 1599 to the present year.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

#### The Carnahan Medal—News Items from Many Parts of the Country.

The medal of honor offered some time ago by Maj. Gen. Carnahan to the most efficient captain at a brigade encampment was presented to Capt. E. E. Parmelee at the celebration of the fourth anniversary of Fairmount division, No. 35, at B. R. hall. The gallant captain and his crack division are mutually proud of each other.

Iowa now has 33 divisions of the Uniform Rank and an average of 20 members to each division, or 660 in knights in the field.

There are 35 divisions in the Kansas brigade, U. R., with a membership of 1,675. Col. J. H. Lyon has been elected brigadier general in place of Gen. Kelsey, who resigned.

The Uniform Rank, as reported at the last grand lodge at Fresno, has developed into a magnificent army of 212 divisions, 44 regiments, 12 detached regiments, 13 brigades and 30,450 members.

A mounted division (the first on record) has been organized in Sioux City, Ia., with over thirty members, and will be instituted upon the arrival of the uniforms.

Twenty-one new lodges have been instituted in Iowa since last October.

Since the beginning of the quarter, April 1, over 80 new applicants have been admitted to the Uniform Rank, the certificates issued representing an endowment of over \$1,700,000. Forty-three new sections have been instituted. Surely the rank is on a boom, and we trust it will continue.

The Western Knight, of Omaha, Neb., and The Pythian Herald, of Portland, Me., have discontinued publication. The former paper has transferred its subscription list to The Pythian Spur.

The mayor of Pine Bluff, Ark., extended the freedom of the city to the grand lodge during its recent session in that place.

### A. O. U. W.

#### The Monument to Be Erected to Father Upchurch—Other Items.

At the recent session of the supreme lodge the representatives of Missouri presented the following: A monument to the memory of the honored founder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Father John J. Upchurch, will be completed and ready for dedication on or about the 31st day of October, 1889. In behalf of and in the name of the grand lodge of Missouri, the officers and members of the supreme lodge are fraternally invited to be present and participate in the ceremonies. Due notice of the date will be sent to each member.

During the recent session of the supreme lodge the select knight members present held an informal meeting, at which matters of great importance were discussed. Supreme Commander Reed was present. The prevailing sentiment was to hold the regular biennial session of the supreme lodge, and the said session will be held at Chicago sometime in October.

If a married man has his certificate payable to one of his parents and that parent dies, the question has been asked to whom would the benefit be paid on the death of the member? Under the laws of this order it would be paid to the wife of the member and children, if any, all sharing alike.

### RED MEN.

#### Unfinished Business to Be Considered by the Great Council.

The following is among the unfinished business to come before the Great Council of the United States at its next session:

Article 9. Rules for the government of chiefs' legions amended by striking from said section the following words: "A plain spear six feet long, one-quarter of an inch in diameter at the butt, tapering to three-quarters of an inch at the end where the spear head is attached. The spear head shall be nickel plated, four inches long and two inches at the base. The minishew shall carry the spear, and the minishew shall carry the spear." And insert in lieu of the words: "A sword similar in style as is worn by volunteer military officers." Referred to special committee on manual of arms and drill.

Article 9. Constitution of legions, be amended by striking out the words "and color" in the first and second lines, and inserting after the word degree, "the color shall be maroon," and striking out the words "and worn upon the frontlet," in the sixth line. Also strike out the words "such regalia and insignia of office as shall be prescribed by the great council of the United States" be inserted. Also strike out the balance of the article and insert "and during all sessions of the league the chiefs and members shall remain uncovered."

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